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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 512  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Young of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, it was with deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of  
this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Robert Young; and

WHEREAS Mr. Young was a devout Christian, ever-willing to beat the drum of Truth  
about the Holy Trinity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young was an honorably discharged veteran from the United States  
Army, as well as a former paramedic for the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young had also astutely and faithfully served the Memphis Fire  
Department as a Training EMS Supervisor, firefighter, EMT-Advance, and acting EMS Manager;  
he had earned renown as the "first Black paramedic in the State of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Young was the husband of Shirley Ann Hughes Young, father of Angela and Kandis, and son of the late Lucille and Roscoe Young; he leaves a great void with his absence; and

WHEREAS, a 1967 graduate of Carver High School, Mr. Young distinguished himself among his classmates; he later earned certification as a licensed practical nurse with the United States Army Health Service at Fort Sam Reserve in Wilmington, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young also received educational training at Shelby State Community College, where he earned the A.A.S. Degree in Emergency Medical Technology in 1976; he then earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology/Pre-Med from Le Moyne-Owen College in 1978, and attended the State Technical Institute of Memphis in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Robert Young also proudly served in the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the extended family through which he continues to live in memory include: sisters Helen Young and Patricia Hampton; brothers Calvin Young, and Maurice Davis; god-daughter Chrystyna Wiggins; godsister Gail Wiggins; friend Sam Franklin, Jr.; mother-in-law Kandis Hughes; brothers-in-law Reverend Lonnie Hughes, Jr., and Chester Hughes; sisters-in-law Joicy Hughes Lark, Gloris Ann Rahmaan, Gwendolyn Hughes Nalls, and Lena Hughes; cousins Evangelist Caldwell, Jimmie Lee Green, Rozelle Green, Rosetta King; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and many beloved friends; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Robert Young, remembering with admiration his exemplary character, his many accomplishments, and his outstanding contributions to his profession and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Robert Young.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.